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Commissioners for our municipalities, who will be able to give us their practical wisdom in administering the affairs of our municipalities.

"Some people are afraid that this law is an infringement on popular liberty. I do not think so. On the other hand we will be able to have by the introduction of this measure executive officers who will be able to bring to bear on our municipal administration all their administrative experience which coupled with the idealism which our chairmen or municipal councillors may have will bring in very beneficial results to the various municipalities. The Bill may be regarded by some as being very reactionary in that it will give power to the Government to bring under the operation of this Act any municipality which they like. It is only in cases where the municipalities go wrong and are not able to grapple with administrative problems which may arise before them from time to time that this measure will be applied. In any event I must say that the passing of this measure is a very happy augury for the future because all parties put their heads together and sunk their differences and the result is we have been able to put this Bill on the Statute Book. In these circumstances I thank the hon. the Mover of the Bill, and all those persons who endeavoured their utmost to clear the sky when it became clouded and thus enabled this Council to pass the Bill into law."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Vote, vote, Sir."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

'*that the Bill be passed into law*'."

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

V.—RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A BROADCASTING SERVICE FOR THE MADRAS PRESIDENCY.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Yesterday resolution No. I was moved and seconded. That resolution reads as follows :—

'*This Council recommends to the Government to take early steps to establish a broadcasting service for this Presidency*'."

The resolution is for the discussion of the House.

* Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Under Standing Order 33, I desire to move—

'*that all the other business on the agenda do stand over and that resolution No. I in to-day's list of business be taken up first*'."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried and the other items of business were allowed to stand over. Mr. Ramaswami Ayyar's resolution was taken up.